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Veterans Honored

In honor of America's veterans, special exhibits are on display in the Library during November. Ralph Hintz, Community Service Chairman for Morton Grove's American Legion Post 134, has arranged an exhibit of Bill Mauldin's wartime posters in the Baxter Room. Photographs by Roland Weigt are on display, along with photos from the Library's Local History Room.

Uniforms, medals, and other wartime memorabilia from the Morton Grove Historical Museum will be on display in the Lincoln Avenue entrance. Be sure to stop by and see these exhibits and pick up a booklist of materials commemorating contributions of our country's war veterans.

Flicker Fun

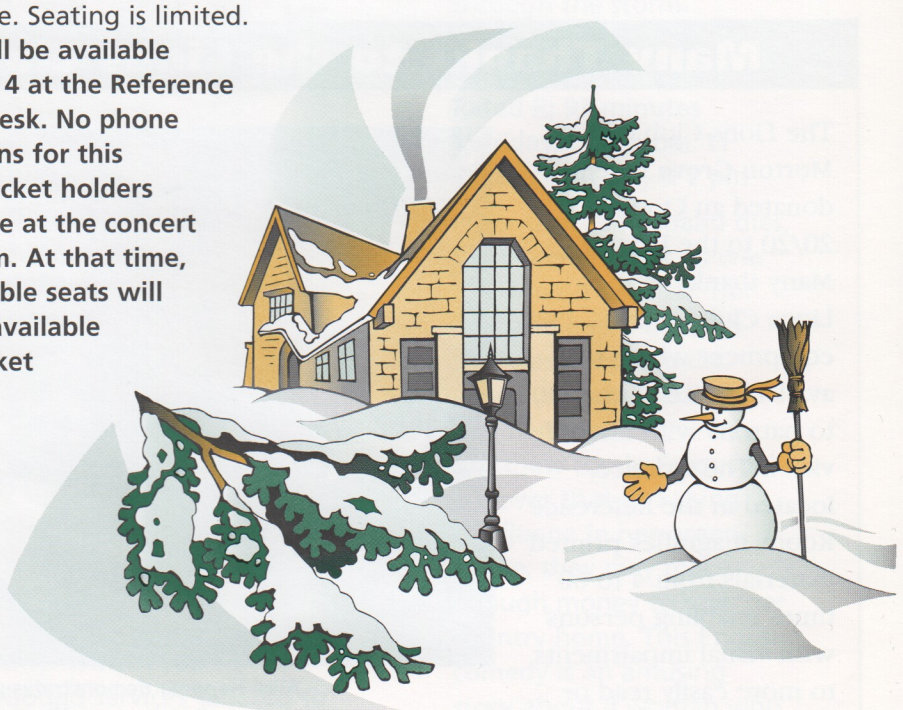
What do you get when you pair up historic silent movies with an old-fashioned sing-along? Flicker Fun! Mark your calendar and make your plans to attend this entertaining afternoon, **Sunday, November 19 at 2:00 pm**. See excerpts from Laurel and Hardy films and other old-time flicks from Dave Toeppen's collection. Sing along with the lively piano accompaniment of Bernie Petosa and enjoy holiday refreshments after the program. **Beginning October 30, call 965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk to make your reservation.**

Holiday Concert with Spider Saloff

Spider Saloff, noted jazz singer, returns to the Morton Grove Public Library for a special **Holiday Concert Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 pm.** Accompanied by pianist Jeremy Kahn, Spider will work her musical magic with songs of the season, such as: *Winter Wonderland, Have Yourself a Merry Christmas, Santa Claus Is Coming to Town, What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?* and many more. Seating is limited. **Tickets will be available December 4 at the Reference Services Desk. No phone reservations for this concert. Ticket holders must arrive at the concert by 1:55 pm. At that time, any available seats will be made available to non-ticket holders.**

Barbershop Quartet and Chorus to Sing

If you like harmony and good, old-fashioned melodies, be sure to make a reservation to attend the **Sunday, December 3 concert at 2:00 pm,** by the Chicago Metro Chapter of SPEBSQSA (the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America). Enjoy such *a capella* favorites as: *The Beer Barrel Polka, Walkin' My Baby Back Home, Wild Irish Rose, Sweet 'n Lovely,* and many others. **Beginning November 13, place your reservations by calling 965-4220 or stopping by the Reference Services Desk.**



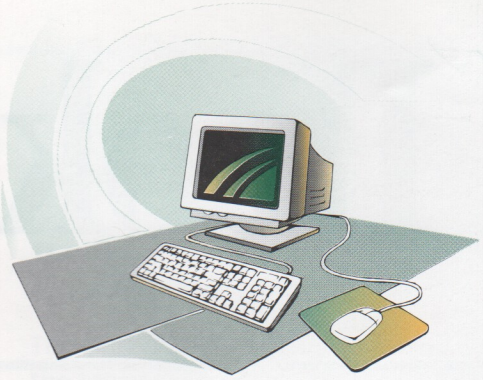
SUE
At The Field Museum

Sue: Up Close and Personal

Dr. Darin Croft, a geology post-doctoral research scientist at the Field Museum, presents Sue, the 67-million-year-old *Tyrannosaurus Rex* fossil now on exhibit at the Field Museum. Did you know the weight of Sue's skull was about a ton, yet the brain cavity is just big enough to hold a quart of milk? Her legs were enormous, but her arms were the size of a human's and so short she couldn't even reach her mouth. Was she a predator or a scavenger? Join us **Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 pm,** to learn more about this fascinating fossil. A raffle will be held at the end of the program for free passes to the Field Museum. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Advanced Internet

You've mastered clicking, you're proficient in browsing and using e-mail, now you'd like to learn additional techniques. Join Jennifer Didier on **Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 pm,** for **Advanced Internet** for a discussion of Internet skills such as how to: add and organize Web favorites, check history, send attachments, join a mailing list, submit advanced queries, and more. Priority for registration is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid Library card. Prerequisite: Completion of the Library's Basic Internet class and/or sufficient Internet training and experience to be comfortable navigating the Web. **Beginning November 6, register for this class by calling 965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk. Have your library card ready.**



Book Discussions

The Low Vision Book Discussion meets the second Wednesday of every month at 1:00 pm in the Board Room.

- November 8: *A Walk in the Woods.* Bill Bryson tells how he attempted to hike all 2100 miles of the Appalachian Trail. His story is a hilarious account of how a middle-aged, out-of-shape city dweller coped with the wilderness and learned about the people and places along the trail.
- December 13: *Paradise* by Toni Morrison. The story begins with the arrival of vigilantes who have set out to rid Ruby, Oklahoma, of the influence of four women living in a convent outside of town. Told with flashbacks, biblical subtext, and allegory, this book is a gripping mystery of social and racial conflict.

Thinking Out Loud will be adding a daytime session in the new year. Beginning January 25, a morning book discussion group will be added on the fourth Thursday of each month, from 10:00 am until 11:00 am. Both sessions will discuss the same book selection. Watch for details about book selections in the next newsletter.

The evening session of Thinking Out Loud meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month, January through June, September and October at 7:30 pm in the Board Room. The next session will be January 23; watch for details about book selections in the next newsletter.

Many Thanks to the Lions Club

The Lions Club of Morton Grove recently donated an Optelec 20/20 to the Library. Many thanks to the Lions Club for this equipment which is available, free of charge, to patrons with limited vision. The Optelec, located in the Reference Room, magnifies printed materials from 4 to 60 times enabling persons with visual impairments to more easily read or see photos.

Alice Heppner demonstrates use of the Optelec magnification system.

Babysitting Basics

This workshop helps to prepare babysitters for the responsibilities of caring for young children. The instructors are officers from the Morton Grove Fire Department and Police Department. Practical tips for planning activities, taking action in emergency situations, and ensuring safety for children are emphasized. Morton Grove students age 12 and over are eligible to sign up for this course. Class size is limited to 15 participants. A certificate is presented to those who complete the course.

This course, to be held in the Library's Baxter Room, will consist of two sessions: **Tuesday, November 14 from 3:45 to 5:00 pm**; and **Wednesday, November 15 from 3:45 to 5:00 pm**.

Registration: Beginning October 23, sign up at the Reference Services Desk or call 965-4220 to register. Registrants will be asked for their home phone number and Library card number. Non-residents may sign up on a waiting list and will be notified by phone if there is space available.

Online Book Clubs

The Online Book Club is expanding! The Chapter-a-Day Online Book Club began September 1 and already four new book clubs are being added! Join the free Online Book Club and read selections from a popular book in your daily e-mail. Monday through Friday, you will receive an excerpt of a chapter that takes only 5 minutes to read. If you enjoy the first 2 or 3 complete chapters on-line, and want to continue reading the book, you can check it out or reserve it at the Library. After you receive the first 2 or 3 chapters, you will start receiving a new book. Sign up by clicking on the Chapter-a-Day Online Book Club

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The Illinois State Library has designated November 16 as Family Reading Night.

Join us at the Library for a special program about special books.

Great Books for Families to Share

When you hear the term "picture book" you may think of books for very young children and pre-readers. But, did you know that there are picture books whose content and graphics are geared toward children older than third grade? There are picture books for adults, too! Come to Family Reading Night, **Thursday, November 16 at 6:45 pm;** the whole family will enjoy an entertaining evening program at the Library developed by the Children's Department and our new Young Adult Librarian. First, you'll be treated to picture books such as *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* by Doreen Cronin; *I, Crocodile* by Fred Marcellino; *Math Curse* by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith, and other wonderful stories. Next, you'll hear excerpts and cliff-hangers from favorite juvenile novels, such as: *Frindle* by Andrew Clements, *Preacher's Boy* by Katherine Paterson, *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* by Jack Gantos, and others. A raffle for some of these literary treasures will be held at the end of the program and refreshments will be served. **Beginning October 30, sign up at the Reference Services Desk on the main floor or call 965-4220.**

Family Explorer Card

Is your family planning a special weekend outing? Are the students in your family looking for research projects and field trips?

Check out a Family Explorer Card for a week and visit one of the ten north suburban museums participating in this new program!

Morton Grove residents may use their library cards to check out a Family Explorer Card which entitles families to special museum offers. Offers vary from museum to museum. For example, a family of four might check out the Family Explorer Card to get free admission to Health World in Barrington. Or, if they check out the Com Ed Powerhouse card, they will get a free Louie the Lightening Bug doll at the museum. Brochures describing the program are available at the Library. For further information, call the Library at 965-4220.

Maryann Khan, 4th grade, made a big-mouth puppet in Arts & Crafts Class. In the background are models of Webster, the Children's Department mascot.

Dinosaur Derby Kick-Off

Read Books; Juggle Everything Else
Join the Truly Remarkable Loon as he juggles clubs, diabolos, scarves and even giant bean bag chairs! The program will be presented on **Saturday, November 11,** in the Baxter Room. Together we'll celebrate Children's Book Week (November 13-19) as we kick off Dinosaur Derby 2000. Parents must accompany children under age 8. **Tickets will be available at the Children's Desk beginning Nov. 4.**

Join the Dinosaur Derby!
Be a Member of a Dinosaur Team. Earn points for your team while earning "Dino Dollars" to spend on school supplies on sale at the Library. There will be lots of fun and excitement as you read for the Dinosaur Derby through March 10, 2001.

Truly Remarkable Loon

DINOSAUR FANS: **Be sure to see the Library program about Sue, the *T. Rex,* described on page 2.**

Millionaire Madness

More than 160 children earned a place in the Children's Department's Millionaire Circle by reading and reporting on at least 15 books over the summer.

The following children were lucky winners of raffle prizes in the Summer Reading Program 2000: Gaurav Agnihotri, Ann Chun, Mary Ann Karagiannis, Ali Schippman, Heather Skrip, Alvin George, and Brendan Zimmer each won a $20 Gift Certificate from Noodle Kidoodle; Jamil Olomi, Franci Rueve, Jane Lee, David Nakic, Louis Karagiannis, Mike Khatchadourian, and Caitlin Reichert each won a copy of the book, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.*

Meghan (left) and Emily (right) Henry turn in their Book Bucks to Ronnie Rund, Assistant Children's Librarian.

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Children's Classes

Winter session will begin the week of Jan. 8, 2001. Enrollment is limited. Open enrollment begins Dec. 11th for Morton Grove residents and Dec. 18th for non-residents. Phone registrations will be taken after 9:30 am on Dec. 11th.

Library Playtime

for 2½-Year-Olds & Parents
Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Pre-School Storytime

Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten (please, no under-age siblings):
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff

Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00 pm
Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts

Grades 1-3
Monday 4:00 pm
Grades 4-6
Friday 4:00 pm
Class limit – 15

Creative Writing

Please choose one of the following:
Grades 3-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4:00 pm
Class limit – 40

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The Battle of the Books for 4th, 5th and 6th graders is now underway! Teams of students representing area schools compete against each other by answering questions about books chosen by teachers and librarians. Matches are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, in November and December, at 4:00 pm in the Baxter Room. Check the scoreboard posted outside the Baxter Room for team standings and a schedule of upcoming matches. Visitors are welcome.

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Note Holiday closings and Staff Training Day, 12/1/00.

November 2000 Events

11/5	Sun.	2:00 pm	Lyric Opera Lecture by Kip Kelley on *Jenufa*
11/7	Tue.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
11/8	Wed.	1:00 pm	Low Vision Book Discussion: *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson
11/11	Sat.	2:00 pm	Truly Remarkable Loon: Tickets required
11/13	Mon.	11:00, 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film: *Perfect Storm*, PG-13, 129 min.
11/14	Tue.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
11/14 & 15	Tue. & Wed.	3:45 pm	Babysitting Basics: registration required
11/16	Thurs.	6:45 pm	Family Reading Night: reservations required
11/19	Sun.	2:00 pm	Flicker Fun: registration required
11/21	Tue.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
11/23	**Thurs.**		**Closed, Thanksgiving**
11/28	Tues.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
11/29	Wed.	7:00 pm	Advanced Internet: registration required

December 2000 Events

12/1	**Fri.**		**Closed, Staff Inservice Day**
12/3	Sun.	2:00 pm	Concert by the Chicago Metro Chapter of SPEBQSA Barbershop Quartet/Chorus: reservations required
12/5	Tue.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
12/7	Thurs.	7:00 pm	Sue: Up Close and Personal - Dr. Darin Croft, Field Museum Geologist
12/11	Mon.	11:30, 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film: *Saving Grace*, Rated R, 93 min.
12/12	Tues.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
12/13	Wed.	1:00 pm	Low Vision Book Discussion: *Paradise* by Toni Morrison
12/17	Sun.	2:00 pm	Holiday Concert with Spider Saloff: Tickets required, no phone reservations
12/19	Tues.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
12/24	**Sun.**		**Closed, Christmas Eve**
12/25	**Mon.**		**Closed, Christmas Day**
12/29	Tues.	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
12/31	**Sun.**		**Closed, New Year's Eve**
1/1	**Mon.**		**Closed, New Year's Day**

Check out our complete calendar on the Web at www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

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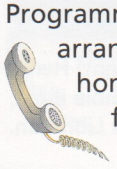
Lyric Opera Lectures

Sunday, November 5 at 2 pm, Kip Kelley of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, will discuss the Czech opera, *Jenufa*, at the Morton Grove Public Library. Leos Janacek's dramatic masterpiece is set in a rustic Czech village. The plot involves two half-brothers embroiled in conflict and a woman who commits a crime to save her stepdaughter from a life of misery and shame.

The next Lyric Opera Lecture will be presented **Sunday, January 21.** Everyone knows the famous call of, "Figaro! Figaro! Figaro!" as the Barber of Seville helps two young people in love. Phillip Seward, musician, musicologist, and composer, will discuss Rossini's opera, *The Barber of Seville*, at 2:00 pm.

Library Homebound Service

The Morton Grove Public Library provides free homebound services for residents of Morton Grove who cannot come to the Library because of temporary or chronic illness or physical disability. Call the Library at 965-4220 and ask for the Coordinator of Programming, who will make arrangements with you for homebound services tailored to fit your needs and interests.



Lunchtime Videos

Pack a lunch and join us at the Library **every Tuesday at 11:30 am** for Lunchtime Videos. Travel to distant lands, tour historical landmarks, listen to thought-provoking discussions and entertaining performances during this two-hour program. Coffee, ice water and sweet treats are served. Each month, there is at least one special celebration of holidays, birthdays, or significant events.

FILMS

The Perfect Storm
Rated PG-13, 129 minutes
Monday, November 13
11 am, 2:30 pm, & 7 pm

An enthralling film about ships at sea in the midst of three colliding storm systems. Billy Tyne (George Clooney) and his crew must decide whether to stay far from safe harbor or struggle to get back through the storm.

Saving Grace
Rated R; 93 minutes
Monday, December 11
11 am, 2:30 pm, & 7 pm

After Grace's husband dies, she discovers that all was not what it seemed. Her husband had a mistress and was deep in debt. Grace (Brenda Blethyn) and her gardener, Matthew (Craig Ferguson) discover that by raising marijuana in her greenhouse, they may make enough money to save her country home. This English comedy is an amusing story about a woman who quickly learns to cope with several sticky situations.

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The **Teen Book Club** will deliver 5-minute reads, to teens, in their email, Monday through Friday. The Teen Book Club features mysteries, comedies, true-life adventure and even some science fiction.

The **Good News Book Club** will feature books that, "you could bring home to Mom." This Online Book Club features books that make you laugh, cry, and really think about life. The selections are books that you can share with your whole family.

The **Business Book Club** delivers the latest ideas in marketing, management, customer service, and e-commerce.

Audio Book Club: Enjoy a daily dose of audio books from fiction, non-fiction, self-help, business books, and more.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

11/23 Thanksgiving Day
12/1 Staff Inservice Day
12/24 Christmas Eve
12/25 Christmas Day
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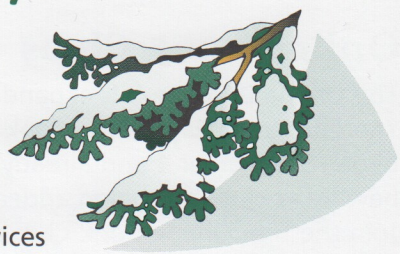
Happy Holidays from the Board and Staff of the Library!

Thanksgiving and the holiday season are a special time to say thank you to the people who make the Library a wonderful source for information, recreation, socializing, and respite. Thank you to the volunteers who help process materials, prepare program packets, deliver books to Bethany Terrace, prepare this newsletter for mailing, and assist patrons with computer use. Many thanks to the individuals and businesses who have donated funds for the collection and books for the ongoing sale, the Library's only fund-raiser. Most of all, thank you to *you*, the Library patron, who utilizes the many services of your public library!



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